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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PLAB, ILO, VE, US
SUBJECT: INTERNATIONAL LABOR CONFERENCE

1. ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER GOMEZ MANTELLINI CALLED AMBASSADOR LAST NIGHT TO SAY THEY HAD HAD WORD FROM GENEVA THAT THERE HAD BEEN UNFORTUNATE CLASH WITH US DELEGATION. THERE WAS GENERAL PROBLEM BETWEEN US AND GROUP 77 NATIONS AND VENEZUELA WAS TRYING TO MEDIATE SOLUTION, ACCORDING TO GOMEZ, BUT US DELEGATE (HOROWITZ) WAS BEING VERY "HARD", AND HAD USED LANGUAGE OFFENSIVE TO VENEZUELAN PEOPLE AND NATION.

2. AMBASSADOR SAID HE HAD NO INFORMATION ON THIS, BUT THAT HE DID KNOW WE HAD BEEN DISAPPOINTED IN VENEZUELA'S ABSTENTION ON KEY RESOLUTIONS WHICH UNDER ILO PROCEDURE WAS SAME AS NEGATIVE VOTE. ALTHOUGH WE HAD BEEN ASSURED THAT GOV WOULD SUPPORT US POSITION, VOTING SHOWED VENEZUELAN DELEGATION HAD NOT.

3. GOMEZ MANTELLINI SAID THAT PRESIDENT HAD ASKED THAT MATTER BE BROUGHT TO AMBASSADOR'S ATTENTION, AND HE ASKED AMBASSADOR TO ASCERTAIN WHAT EXPLANATION WAS. THEN, HE SAID, WE WOULD "EXCHANGE IDEAS".
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4. WOULD APPRECIATE DESCRIPTION OF SITUATION AND INCIDENT TO WHICH GOMEZ MANTELLINI MAY BE REFERRING.
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